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LOK SABHA

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OIL RESERVES IN RAJASTHAN
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY;MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether natural gas and oil have been struck in the Rann of Kutch near Koteshwar and Jaiselmer (Rajasthan);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c):During the period 1967 to 1997, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC) had discovered six gas bearing structures viz. Manhera Tibba, Ghotaru, Khartar, Bakhri Tibba, Bankia and Sadewala, falling in Jaisalmer District of Rajasthan, with2.44 Billion Cubic Metre(BCM) of `in-place` volume of gas. Currently, Manhera Tibba field is on production and is producing gas at the rate of 0.043 Million Metric Cubic Metreper day(MMSCMD).The feasibility of production from the remaining fields will depend on consumers` demand and techno-economics. ONGC is continuingexploration activities in area of its operation. In 1988, Oil India Ltd.(OIL) had struck gas in Tanot field in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan.Subsequent to that OIL discovered gas at Dandewala and Bagitibba fields in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan. The total gas reserve of these fields is 9.29 BCM. Gas is being supplied from these fields to the Rajasthan State Electricity Board through Gas Authority of India Ltd. at an average rate of 0.42 MMSCMD.Future exploration activities will be decided by OIL only after Basin Modelling Study.

However, no discovery of hydrocarbon have been made in the Rann of Kutch. Two blocks viz. GK-ON-4 and GK-ON-90/2 have been contracted to private companies for exploration in Gujarat-Kutch onland area. The exploration work has not yet started in these two blocks.